



Weekly Newsletter

6th October 2023



Timelines in Oak Class



Tell Me Tuesday – The Hygiene Bank

Here's what's in the newsletter this week!

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INSET DAY
Mon 9th Oct



Fire Safety Visit

IMPORTANT NOTICES FOR NEXT WEEK

- ✓ INSET day – Mon 9th October
- ✓ Open morning for prospective Yr R parents – Tues 10th October
- ✓ Tell Me Tuesday :
“Relaxation techniques and well-being” - Lily Venus – Tues 10th Oct 2:45pm
- ✓ Phonics information session – Yr R parents – Tues 10th Oct 3:45pm
- ✓ Children's individual school photographs – Thurs 12th Oct (morning)
- ✓ School Harvest Festival – Fri 13th Oct 9:15am, school playground

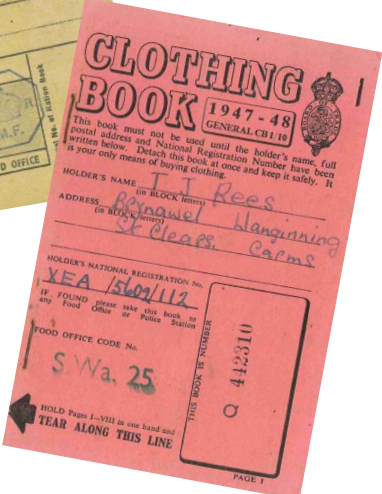
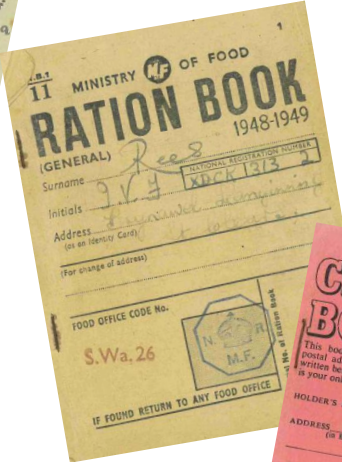
Oak Class
 "Creative History" Workshop
 World War II – Home Front



Original artefacts from Oak Class families

*The New Inn
 Staple Gardens
 Winchester*

My dear Auntie,
 Just a card to see how you are all getting on. What do you think of me as a soldier. Mother asked me to ask you to order 2 bags of potatoes, and she will bring you to get her letter. I like you to get me to do eggs and send them to me sometime this week, as I want to send them in a parcel to Reg on Saturday, as he was so pleased with the others he knows what they were, and I'll send you the money on. I have heard from Reg this week, and am pleased to say he is alright, but he had to go back to the line on Thursday. Will be best to hear from all. Ada



THIS SPECIAL RESPIRATOR IS FOR A SMALL CHILD IS GOVERNMENT PROPERTY. ANY PERSON WHO HAS IT IN HIS POSSESSION IS RESPONSIBLE IN LAW FOR USING CARE TO KEEP IT IN GOOD CONDITION. IT IS TO BE RETURNED TO THE LOCAL AUTHORITY IN WHOSE AREA THE POSSESSOR MAY BE AT ANY TIME, EITHER ON REQUEST OR WHEN NO LONGER REQUIRED.



Dear Parents and Carers,

It always astonishes me how much is achieved in a week here! Not only have the children been working incredibly hard and already amazing me with their knowledge – Year R's skills with numbers are impressive - but they have also been fully involved in a real variety of activities.

On Tuesday, we had our first 'Tell Me Tuesday' event of the year. We were very pleased to welcome Maureen from the new Winchester charity – 'The Hygiene Bank'. Having been contacted by Maureen at the beginning of term, our Pupil Governors met and decided that this was an initiative they wanted to support so invited Maureen in. She explained to the children that the charity had been set up to help families who were struggling to access basic hygiene products, including items like toothpaste and shampoo. The children were inspired and have already come up with some ideas as to how to encourage others to donate these much needed products including having Minty & Moisturise Monday, Toothpaste Tuesday etc. It always makes me feel so proud to see how determined the children are to make a difference.

Yesterday was jam packed. In the morning, Beech Class were exploring the local area and went and visited the local park. They discussed what they liked about the area and what they would improve. They drew maps of the area and demonstrated exemplary behaviours at all times with people commenting on what excellent role models they were. During the afternoon, The Deputy Head of The Westgate School came to speak to our Year 5 and 6 pupils about the school and to answer any questions they had. Every single child demonstrated a really mature approach to the session asking really insightful questions about relevant aspects of school life at The Westgate. The Deputy Head did comment on how impressed she was.

After school, our amazing football team took on Itchen Abbas. Whilst they weren't victorious on this occasion, they still managed to score 5 goals and showed utter determination right up until the end. They played exceptionally well as a team and have already started working collaboratively to develop new playing strategies before their next match.

Today, a rag tag bunch of evacuees turned up at school having been evacuated from Southampton due to the start of WWII. Oak Class looked absolutely amazing in their costumes, and if you hadn't known, you truly would have thought they were from the WWII era. The children have had a phenomenal day and have experienced what it was like to be an evacuee including role playing, looking at artefacts and trying some WWII rations amongst other things. I'm pleased to report that the billeting officer, Mrs Gwilliam, informed us that all the evacuees were placed at the end of the day with welcoming families from the local area!

As I write, the Fire Service are at school working with our Y2 and Y5 pupils on Fire Safety. The children are all fully engaged and you can see how serious they realise Fire Safety is. Next week they will be sharing their knowledge with others.

Please don't forget that Monday (9th) is an INSET day so the children have a nice long weekend to recharge their batteries ready for another busy period. On Tuesday morning we have our first open morning for perspective Year R parents, so if you know anyone who may be looking at schools please do direct them to our website so that they can contact us to make an appointment for a tour. Also on Tuesday, Year R parents, please don't forget that the Phonics information session is taking place at 3.45pm. Finally please remember that on Friday it is the Harvest Festival which will be taking place at 9.15am on the playground.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and look forward to welcoming the children back into school on Tuesday.

Kind regards,

Mrs Hanratty

Core Christian Value Awards

We were very proud to commend our Core Christian Value Award recipients in Celebration Worship today. Children from each class are nominated weekly for each of our Core Values: Courage, Compassion and Creativity.

	Courage	Compassion	Creativity
Willow	Peter	Enid	Erin
Beech	Evie	Max	Edward
Maple	Felix	Clara	Joshie
Rowan	Lori	Ishaan	Edward
Oak	Molly & Misha	Nancy & Zac	Neve & Verity



General Information

Dates for the diary – October 2023

2023		October				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
25	26	27	28	29	30	01
02	03 2:45pm Tell Me Tuesday	04	05	06	07	08
09 INSET DAY	10 2:45pm Tell Me Tuesday 3:45pm Phonics session for Year R parents	11	12	13 9:15am School Harvest Festival	14	15
16	17 2:45pm Tell Me Tuesday	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
HALF-TERM	HALF-TERM	HALF-TERM	HALF-TERM	HALF-TERM		
30 3:35pm - 4:15pm Marvellous Monday - Maple, Rowan & Oak parents	31 2:45pm Tell Me Tuesday					

Tell Me Tuesday Timetable

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Talk</u>
Tuesday 10 th October	2:45pm	“Relaxation techniques and well-being” – Lily Venus
Tuesday 17 th October	2:45pm	“Healthy Teeth” – Mrs Baber
Tuesday 31 st October	2:45pm	“Army Corps Marching Band” – Mr Robertson
Tuesday 21 st November	2:45pm	“Outstanding Orchids” – Mr Norton

Other talks to watch out for – dates TBC

- “Archaeological Antiques” – Dr Fluck
- “Imagination and Dreams” – Mr Firth

Whole School Harvest Collection (for The Winchester Beacon) and The Winchester Hygiene Bank

The Pupil Governors are launching an appeal for hygiene products everyday next week, in the lead up to our **Harvest Celebration on Friday 13th October at 9.15pm.**

The Theme for each day is below. Any new sealed donations would be gratefully received (in reality any hygiene product donations are welcomed but we thought it would be fun to have a theme!)

Minty and Moisturise Monday: (Monday is an inset day - donations on Tuesday please)

Toothbrush Tuesday: (children and adult toothbrushes please)

Washing Wednesday: (wet wipes, washing tabs, washing up liquid, body wash)

Toiletries Thursday: (anything from the bathroom cabinet!)

Fresh Friday: (deodorant, shaving foam, shampoo, conditioner, hairbrush)

We will be holding our Harvest Festival on the playground at **9:15am** and this is the day we ask you to bring in food donations for the vital work of The Winchester Beacon. We invite you to come along and take part in our wonderful Harvest celebrations. Please send your donations to school with your child on the day (**Friday 13th October**).

The Winchester Beacon are most in need of the following items at the moment:

Dried Pasta, Basmati Rice

Tinned Tomatoes, Baked Beans

Sweetcorn Pot Noodles, Cup-a-soups

Marmite, Honey, Jam, Chocolate spread

Tea bags, Instant Coffee, Bottled Squash

Granulated Sugar, Instant Hot Chocolate

Tomato ketchup, Brown, BBQ, Salad cream

Tinned Meats, Gravy Granules

Breakfast Cereals

Biscuits

Toilet rolls and Kitchen roll

Anti-Bacterial spray/wipes and J Cloths



Year 7 Secondary School Applications

Year 7 admissions
round - Open

Applications are open for the next

25 days

until the national application deadline
31 October 2023

[Learn more about the Year 7 application process](#)

Make an application >

For parents of our current Year 6 children, please remember that the deadline for making your applications for your child's Year 7 secondary school place is fast approaching – 31st October 2023.

Please refer to the Hampshire Admissions website if you need any further information or help.

Sports for Champions UK – Chloe Peplow visit to school, Friday 3rd November



We are so excited to be hosting an inspirational workshop and sponsored fitness circuit with England Under 20s Women's Third Place Play-Off Winner Chloe Peplow on Friday 3rd November. Chloe needs your help to raise funds for vital training, medical and competition costs. This money will also help the school and other athletes across the country.

The children will all be coming home with a sponsorship form today and there is also a crowdfunder website, <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/sparsholt>, which has lots more information about Sports for Champions UK, Chloe Peplow, what will happen on the day and where the money raised will go.

This will be an amazing opportunity for our children, not only to meet an inspirational athlete but also to raise some essential funds for the school. We will be asking for ideas from the children as to what they would like to see bought with the money raised. So please direct your friends, families and local community to the crowd funder website above, and make this a truly memorable day for our children!

Other Useful Information

**SPOOKYWINCH
WORD HUNT**

14TH - 31ST OCTOBER 2023

FREE HALF TERM HALLOWEEN WORD
HUNT IN WINCHESTER CITY

HAMPER PRIZE DRAW

Brought to you by
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SCAN ME TO JOIN IN

**Wonder
Zone**

**24TH - 27TH
OCTOBER**

Get your goggles on and join us for our WHIZZ-
BANG science themed holiday club at Christ Church
Winchester for school years 1-6!

We are running from 9:30am-12:30pm from
Tuesday 24th - Friday 27th October 2023.

The cost is only £5 for the week, so book now via
the website: www.ccwinch.org.uk/wonderzone

**Hampshire County Youth Bands
OPEN DAY**

Supported using public funding by
Hampshire County Council
ARTS COUNCIL
ENGLAND

ENJOY PERFORMING?

WANT TO IMPROVE?

MAKE NEW FRIENDS

Click here to register your interest

Saturday 14 October 2023, Perins School - Alresford

10-12 (Junior and Training Bands)
9.30 - 12.15 (County Band)

- Brass and Percussion players welcome
- Junior Band- Grade 2+
- Training Band- Grade 5+
- County Band- Grade 7+

Hampshire County Council

www.hants.gov.uk/hms

**WINCHESTER
CATHEDRAL**

**BE A CHORISTER
FOR AN AFTERNOON**

Unlock your son's musical potential and find
out what it's like to sing in a professional choir

Saturday 11 November 2023
2.30pm - 6.30pm

Learn about the unique experience of being a
Chorister at Winchester Cathedral and a boarder
at The Pilgrims' School

Sing Evensong with the Cathedral Choir,
hear the mighty organ and try on a cassock

Significant bursaries are available

Recruiting from current Years 3 and 5
Please contact choirs@winchester-cathedral.org.uk
or call 01962 857200 to book

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There are a number of events for children, young people, caregivers and families, at Winchester Poetry Festival 2023 - all celebrating language, rhyming and expression. Many of which are free to attend. They are all taking place at The ARC on Sat 14th and Sun 15th October.

You can explore the full programme here: <https://www.winchesterpoetryfestival.org/what-s-on>
 The events specifically for families and young people, are below:

FAMILY SHOW

**I AM A POETATO:
JOHN HEGLEY**

The show is aimed at anyone who has been seven years old. It has joining in and singing and lasts for an hour, with sections about John Keats who sword fenced with celery in his home in London, and lost.

Sun 15 Oct
10:30-11:30am // £12/£6 THE ARC WINCHESTER

DROP-IN

POETRY IN MOTION
with LAURA WILCOCK + SUSAN CUNNINGHAM

Explore poetry and song lyrics through the expressive form of British Sign Language in this relaxed workshop for all ages. No experience of BSL required.

BSL USED HERE Sun 15 Oct 12-1:30pm // FREE THE ARC WINCHESTER

DROP-IN

MAKATON POETRY FOR ALL
with PHILIP CRISFORD

Share the experience of Makaton with Philip Crisford at this casual drop-in session of lighthearted poetry for all ages. No experience of Makaton required.

Sat 14 Oct 12-1pm // FREE THE ARC WINCHESTER